

# The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

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## From the President

The ARRL election for directors is coming up very soon. I'm surprised the ballots haven't arrived yet. Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, is again running for Southeast Division Director. If there was any doubt regarding his abilities in the job, Joel Harrison dispelled it in his talk at the DX Banquet last month.

The NADXC election of officers always occurs at the November meeting. I assigned a committee to look into a slate of officers for 2020, and I'll ask them to report at the October meeting on Tuesday.

I'm really looking forward to the club picnic at the QTH of Bruce Smith, AC4G. It's a gorgeous location out in the Tennessee country side, about a half hour drive from Huntsville. The map is on the club website, NADXC.org, if you get lost en route. I encourage members to bring a covered dish, and will circulate a sign up list at the Tuesday meeting. You don't really need to bring anything, but we'd like to get a head count to be

sure we have enough. We'll provide the barbeque meat. Remember Saturday October 12 around noon.

The picnic will occur just a few days before Steve, AG4W, takes off for Cape Verde to participate in the CQWW Phone Contest. Cape Verde must be 1000 miles off the coast of west Africa. The D4C station sits on a mountaintop and is always a big signal here. Steve's anticipation for the event will be running sky high by picnic time.

QST reports that they will publish an article by John, N5DF, on coax losses in their next issue. John built this article from an earlier club presentation. For all of you who have done a program in the past, remember that your work is potentially an important step toward publication in a major magazine.

Both the autumn contest and DX season have arrived. The propagation certainly isn't

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## Real Shacks of NADXC

October Program by Kelley Johns, W4VPZ

Ever wonder what enables the seemingly mild-mannered radio amateur who could pass for John Doe to turn into SuperHam, scaling the DXCC ladder to hobnob with legendary figures who've worked 'em all and looked down on 3000 band-countries from the high side? Is it their devotion and perseverance? Chair time, knowledge of propagation, and being on the air when the DX is there? Nonsense! The secret is the magic juju ensconced in their shacks.

Kelley has assembled a tour of NADXC shacks which may clue mere mortals among us in to how shack magic works, and importantly, how to get some for ourselves. We can't say how these pictures were obtained, but who cares — Kelley has them and will share them with us this com-

ing Tuesday. Get to Newk's a little after 5:30 for dinner. We'll try to get the business meeting under way by 6:30, with an important report from the nominating committee. Then around 7:00 Kelley will spill the beans. Bring your 3D glasses.



## How to Join

\* Come to a club meeting;

\* or send in an application by mail (form on [www.NADXC.org](http://www.NADXC.org))

\* or call Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147

## September Meeting Minutes

By Chris Reed, AI4U, NADXC Secretary/Treasurer

Bob, K8KI called the meeting to order at 632pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes published in the Longpath. The motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Financial report. The motion carried.

Mark, N4BCD Hamfest Chairman, presented the NADXC with a check for \$200 for the support of the Hamfest {below}.

Bob, K8KI reported the banquet grew from 106 to 116. However, we ran out of food and this will be fixed.

The 2019 NADXC Picnic will be held at AC4G's QTH Saturday October 12th from 11am-3pm.

Bob, K8KI mentioned Craig Behrens, N4MT and his efforts in years past for a QRP event that took place on Monte Sano Mountain. Bob asked the group if anyone would like to take his place in leading the event.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 10 at Terranova's.

A request has been made of the NADXC to sponsor VP8DXU: South Orkney in Feb. 21-March 6, 2020. Swains is upcoming in March.

Bob covered DX that will be upcoming in the next month from NG3K website.

Kelley, W4VPZ, will be giving the program in October on members ham-shacks. The program in November will be on Cape Verde given by participant and member Steve Werner, AG4W.

Next meeting will be October 8, 2019 at 630pm at Newks on University Drive.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 658pm. Bruce Smith, AC4G give the program "meet Bruce", an update on his DX activities and information on the upcoming picnic on October 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris, AI4U

## Treasurer's Report

Sept 1 Opening Balance 10,071.95

Paypal Deposit 690.37

Balance as of October 1 10,762.32

\*\*\*\* Donation to Tokalou for \$250 hasn't cleared.

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## From the President

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what it used to be, but there were indeed a large number of DX stations worked in the CQWW RTTY contest a couple of weeks ago, and several of our members achieved some great scores. We had supported ZK3A at Tokelau Island with \$250. They're on right now with a pretty fair signal. I've worked them three times already. Who can get them on all bands?

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 8, at Newk's on University Drive. Dinner at 5:30. Kelley will present the program on the setup of our various stations at 6:30. See you there. We'll have another current DX contest, of course. So study up on those call signs.

73,

Bob, K8KI



## DX Contests for October

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

### Oceania DX Phone Contest (PH), 160-10 meters

Oct 5, 0800Z to Oct 6, 0800Z

Exchange: RS & Serial No.

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com)

### Russian WW Digital Contest, (DIG), 160-10 meters

Oct. 5, 1200Z to Oct. 6, 1159Z

Exchange: RST(Q) plus serial # or Oblast

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.rdclub.ru](http://www.rdclub.ru)

### RSGB DX Contest, (CW, PH), 80-10 meters

Oct. 6, 0500Z to Oct. 6, 2300Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial #

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.rsgbcc.org/hf](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf)

### UBA ON Contest, CW, (SSB), 80 Meters

Oct. 6, 0600Z to 0900Z

Exchange: RST, serial No., ON section (if any)

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.uba.ba/en](http://www.uba.ba/en)

### Makrothen Contest, (Digital), 80-10 meters

Oct. 12, 0000Z to Oct. 13, 1559Z  
(See website for time details)

Exchange: 4 character grid square

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.pl259.org/makrothen](http://www.pl259.org/makrothen)

### Oceania DX Phone Contest (CW), 160-10 meters

Oct 12, 0800Z to Oct 13, 0800Z

Exchange: RS & Serial No.

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com)

### Scandinavian Activity Contest, (SSB) 80-10 meters

Oct. 12, 1200Z to Oct. 13, 1200Z

Exchange: RS & Serial No.

See page 90, Oct. QST and <http://www.sactest.net>

### UBA ON Contest, CW, (CW), 80 Meters

Oct. 14, 0530Z to 0800Z

Exchange: RST, serial No., ON section (if any)

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.uba.ba/en](http://www.uba.ba/en)

### JARTS WW RTTY Contest, (RTTY), 80-10 meters

Oct. 19, 0000Z to Oct. 20, 2400Z

Exchange: RS(T) & op's age

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.jarts.jp/rules2018.html](http://www.jarts.jp/rules2018.html)

### Worked All Germany Contest, (SSB & CW), 20-10 meters

Oct 19, 1500Z to Oct 20, 1459Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial number or DOK code

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.darc.de](http://www.darc.de)

### Stew Perry Topband Challenge, (CW), 160 meters

Oct. 19, 1500Z to Oct. 20, 1500Z

Exchange: 4-character grid square

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.kkn.net/stew](http://www.kkn.net/stew)

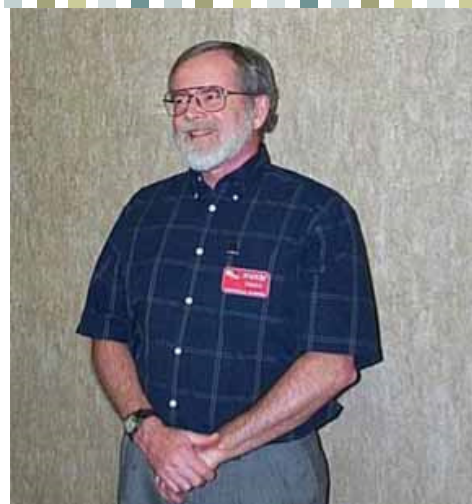
### Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, (CW), 15 & 20 meters

Oct. 20, 0000Z-0200Z,

Exchange: RST plus serial number

See page 90, Oct QST and [www.jsfc.org/apsprint](http://www.jsfc.org/apsprint)

### CQ WW SSB, (SSB), 160-10 meters



Oct. 26, 0000Z to Oct 27, 2359Z

Exchange: RS & CQ zone

See page 90, Oct. QST and [www.cqww.com](http://www.cqww.com)

### WAE DX Contest (DIG), 80-10 meters

Nov. 9, 0000Z to Nov. 10, 2359Z

Exchange: RST plus serial number (see rules for QTC)

See [www.waedc.de](http://www.waedc.de)

### OTHERS:

#### Ukrainian DX Contest,

1200Z, Nov 2 to 1200Z, Nov 3

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware. Also, check the cluster: "sh/contest". Have fun!

Chuck, N4NM

### NADXC Officers and Directors

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